

Three Arts Studio Plans Recital For Wednesday Evening

Martha Jane Rickard and Edward T. Rickard, directors of the Three Arts Studio, announce that they will present more than 30 of their pupils in a diversified program of piano selections, dancing and dramatics. The recital will be held at the studio, between Torrance high school and the Health Center, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

TORRANCE WOMEN AT L. A. MEETING

Torrance Club, National Business and Professional Women, was represented by Mrs. F. W. Sandstrom and the Misses Esther V. Maxwell and Muriel Clements at a dinner meeting in Los Angeles Friday evening. The hostess club was the National Business and Professional Women of Los Angeles of which Lillian M. Fish is president, and dinner music was provided by Occidental College String Quartet.

Dr. Lena Madess Phillips, president of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, as guest speaker, chose as her topic, "Europe in Transition." Dr. Phillips had recently returned from a five-month tour of France, Italy, Great Britain and Belgium. She also spent some time in Berlin as the guest of the American Army.

Visiting N. B. P. W. members who wish to participate in local club activities may call Mrs. Sandstrom, at Torrance 258-J for information.

BETSY ROSS CLUB REPORTS MEETING

A patriotic motif was effectively used for the February meeting of Betsy Ross Star Club held Tuesday afternoon at Masonic Temple when Mrs. Alice Mort, chairman and her committee were in charge of arrangements. Assisting Mrs. Mort were Mrs. Inez Allen, Mary Krekow, Phyllis Fluhrer and Margaret Pettitt. Mrs. Mildred Edwards presided at the business meeting following. Mrs. Helen Miller will serve as chairman for the next luncheon on Tuesday, March 19.

BETSY ROSS CLUB CARD PARTY FEB. 23

Betsy Ross Star Club will sponsor another of their enjoyable card parties at Masonic Temple at 8:00 o'clock, Saturday evening, Feb. 23. Everyone is invited. Games of contract and auction bridge, pinocle, with and without the kitty, and 500 will be played and refreshments will be served by Mrs. Hazel Fossum and her committee.

O. E. S. MEETING TO BE HELD TONIGHT Brothers' Night will be observed at the regular meeting of Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, to be held in the Masonic Temple this evening. A program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

The official visit Tuesday evening of Isabella Harrison Hill-ditch of San Diego, worthy grand matron, and her escort, Logan Cotton, past grand patron, state of California, marked one of the most outstanding of recent meetings.

The eight chapters of the 72nd O.E.S. district were represented and a splendid program was presented. Pouring at the beautifully appointed refreshment tables were Lola Hoover, Helen Miller and Persia K. Fess, all past matrons of Torrance chapter.

G. S. TROOP 416 ELECTS OFFICERS

At their regular meeting Thursday afternoon, members of Girl Scout Troop No. 416 elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term: Donna Baer, president; Joann King, vice-president; Ann Gallimore, secretary; Joyce Riggio, treasurer; Jane Fisher, chaplain; Evelyn Clark, publicity. The following patrol leaders will serve, Joann Sandstrom, senior patrol; Alan Olsen, junior patrol.

The senior girls also outlined plans for a trip to Venice Friday, Feb. 22, and swimming parties at Hermosa plunge on Saturday, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. The investiture of Julie Rhone was a feature of the afternoon meeting.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS REPORT MEETINGS

The home of Mrs. Lottie Phillips, 2023 Andree ave., will be the meeting place for members of Royal Neighbors on Tuesday, Feb. 26. The group will meet at 10:00 for sewing and a covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. Members are reminded of the district meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Redondo Beach. A large delegation is expected from Torrance. At the last meeting of Torrance Camp, R. N. A., Bertha Woodard, Mary West and Cora Hill were inducted.

CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic ladies card party are Misses Schmidt, Bray, Probert, Obie, Webb, James Carlin, Jr., Lillenthal, Cody, Fenton and Miss Korona Carlin. Everyone is invited. The first door prize will be presented at 8:00 o'clock and games of contract and auction bridge, pinocle and 500 will begin immediately. Refreshments will be served.



MARRIED RECENTLY... Miss Anna Wheeler of Lomita became the bride of William Wheelchel at a charming wedding ceremony recently at the St. Margaret-Mary's Catholic church, Lomita. (Photo courtesy Dixie Lee Studio, Torrance.)

Marriage Licenses

Cleo F. Parker, 25541 Allene st., Lomita; Mary E. Schoefler, 2053 1/2 Capitol, San Pedro. Richard M. Gale, 767 E. 133rd, Hawthorne, Los Angeles; Helen L. Loranger, 164 W. 216th, Torrance. Alan R. Wolf, 2408 Arlington, Torrance; Ramona A. Johnston, Torrance. Elmentary P.T.A. will hold a Joint Founders' Day meeting with Fern Avenue P.T.A. and Torrance High School P.T.A. in the high school auditorium on Feb. 26 at 2 o'clock.

FOUNDERS' DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Torrance Elementary P.T.A. will hold a Joint Founders' Day meeting with Fern Avenue P.T.A. and Torrance High School P.T.A. in the high school auditorium on Feb. 26 at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Don Wolf, president of Torrance Elementary P.T.A., attended the Tenth District meeting held recently at John Burroughs Junior high school, Los Angeles.

NEWS OF WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Torrance Chapter No. 44, Women of the Moose, will hold a regular business meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, at Moose Hall, 1951 Carson st. Peggy Peck, publicity chairman.

MRS. WOLF ATTENDS TENTH DISTRICT MEET

Mrs. Don Wolf, president of Torrance Elementary P.T.A., attended the Tenth District meeting held recently at John Burroughs Junior high school, Los Angeles.

W. E. SCHLICK RETURNS FOLLOWING OPERATION

Walter E. Schlick is convalescing from major surgery which he underwent last week at Hawthorne hospital. He will return tomorrow to his home at 1520 Marcelina ave.

COUSINS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodcock have been entertaining as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kernan, of Jamaica, N. Y. The ladies are cousins.

ART EXHIBIT AT PALOS VERDES

Palos Verdes Community Arts Association announces an exhibition of abstracts by David A. Vaughan, to be held in Palos Verdes Library and Art Gallery through March 20.

INDIANA GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Garner were recent hosts to Dr. W. J. Herr and daughter, Kathleen, of Gary, Ind., who are vacationing in Southern California.

People

and what they are doing

TO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Gordiner, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Page here, left this week for Yakima, Wash., where they will establish their home. They had just returned from the middle west where they were guests of relatives and friends in various states.

VISIT ENDS

Anna Capistran, Mrs. Rosaire Boucher and daughter Gayle Elaine and Virgil Capistran left Sunday for their home in Crookstown, Minn., following a three weeks visit with their sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Derouin, of this city and Francis Derouin, of Wilmington, and formerly of Torrance.

PLAN VACATION

Upon their return from a week's vacation in Palm Springs, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Huxley will leave for their former home in Victoria, B. C., where they will remain for several weeks' visit.

FORMER RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sorenson, of San Bernardino, and formerly of Torrance, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shepherd, of 2233 W. 229th st.

AT VALENTINE PARTY

Mrs. Sam Shepherd was among the guests at a Valentine party Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Barbara Jencks, of 3829 West 28th st., Los Angeles.

HAVE HOUSE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Leatherman, of 912 Cota ave., have as their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zibbe and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Leatherman and daughter, all of Toledo, Ohio.

Slum Clearance Fund Set Up By State Assembly

Action of Torrance Lions club in bringing to public notice the "shack town" in the Los Angeles shoeing strip area east of Torrance has had its influence in Sacramento, it is said. Based largely upon a report from Assemblyman Vincent Thomas the assembly has approved a bill to provide for a survey of low cost housing and slum clearance needs of the state and has provided an appropriation of \$97,000.

TORRANCE HIGH P.T.A. REPRESENTED AT MEET

Representing Torrance high school P.T.A. Tuesday afternoon at Narbonne high school's P.T.A. Founder's Day program were Mrs. Frank S. Selover, president and Mrs. A. C. Turner.

LEGION AUXILIARY AT POT LUCK SUPPER

Members of American Legion Auxiliary of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 will entertain members of the Post and their wives at a covered dish supper at 6:30 p. m., Monday Feb. 25, at St. Andrew's Guild Hall. Each lady attending is requested to provide a covered dish.

\$850 BURGLARY REPORTED

Boyd Thompson, 1633 Beech ave., told police a burglary had occurred in his home while he was away Monday night. Thompson said that an estimated \$850 had been stolen in household articles, clothing and jewelry. Police said that the thief made an entry into the house by cutting the screen on a rear bedroom window.



FIRST ACE... Wally Fox made the first hole-in-one of his 23-year golfing career last Sunday at Palos Verdes Country Club, hitting the 159-yard green with a perfect seven-iron shot and then watched the ball trickle into the cup. It was the first ace at the hillside layout in 1946 and will net Fox more than \$120 in merchandise prizes offered by the club members and golf course. Watching the shot were Dr. George Wall, Richard Regan and Joe Goss.

Beach Team Edges Torrance In Hoop Tilt

The Coon's Mortuary basketball team of Long Beach turned back the Torrance Recreation team's thrilling last minute bid for victory in a Long Beach Recreation League game which was staged Wednesday on the L. B. Poly High Floor.

Hospital Cases

The following patients, among others, were admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. Mrs. Katherine Ackerman, 1414 Cravens ave. George Bell, 1215 Portola ave. Martin Stauch, 4819 W. 172nd st. Mrs. Margie Holloway, 808 Crenshaw ave.

Buck-Passing Of Engineer On Moved In Buildings Fails Before Council

City Engineer G. M. Jain tried to side-step the responsibility of passing on "moved in" buildings by pinning it on the City Council, but the council passed it right back to him.

They said that members would be happy to consult with him on the problem from time to time as permits are requested to "move in" dwellings to ease the housing shortage, but that they would leave it up to the building department to carry out its functions.

City Engineer Jain told the council that the building code does not give the engineer or his department authority to approve any construction less than that set up in the building code, and that most of the buildings being moved in do not meet the requirements of the uniform building code in many respects, in that most of them were constructed before building regulations were established in the cities from which they come.

"I personally do not wish to be held responsible for the moving of those substandard buildings, inasmuch as builders on adjoining lots are required to conform to the building code when erecting new buildings, and considerable hard feelings inevitably result from decisions contrary to the purchaser's opinions," Jain said.

Likewise, he said that he did not believe that the inspection and passing upon of moved-in buildings should be the function of the planning commission, since it meets only once a month. He recommended that the council take steps to appoint a committee of one or more members to pass on moved-in buildings, based on the investigation, but not on the recommendation of the building department.

This recommendation of the council did not follow but after some discussion agreed to consult with Jain on the cases as

they arise. They did not want to be held responsible either. It's a building department job, it was said later, and homes are needed in Torrance. Shutting one's eyes to a problem does not eliminate one's responsibility.

Four-Year-Old Child Hit By Auto, Dies

Struck by an auto and dragged 144 feet, a four year old boy, Michael Schermerhorn, died early Thursday morning in a San Pedro hospital. The child was reported to have been en route to school when a car driven by M. Inzer, 65, of Long Beach, struck him as he was crossing the intersection at Normandie ave. and 253rd st., police said.

Michael's mother, Mrs. Agnes Schermerhorn, 25524 Doble ave., reached her son's side as he was being placed in an ambulance. He died of a skull fracture, internal injuries and a broken thigh bone, it was said. Elsner later was booked on a charge of manslaughter, after a coroner's jury charged that the death was due to the driver's negligence. Ruth Thompson, crossing guard at the intersection, stated at the inquest she started to cross the street waving the red flag after the school crossing sign showed red to oncoming traffic, but Elsner's car came on through the signal.

The boy, she said, tried to dash on across the street as she stepped back out of the car's path. AT MOUNTAIN CABIN Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Babcock at their cabin.

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